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Claim 1 was amended to recite that the substrate has a thickness of 20 to 300 μm , which is supported on page 16, lines 13 to 20 of the specification. Claim 1 was also amended to clarify that the coating fluid used to form the hard coat layer comprises components (A) and (B) (see page 5, lines 5 to 9 of the specification).

The recitations of "cured by" recited in claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 17 is supported in the specification on page 20, line 19.

The amendments to claim 9, item (b)(ii), are supported in the specification on page 8, lines 13 to 18.

Applicants are pleased to note that the Office Action did not include any prior art rejections.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 to 24 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for alleged lack of enablement. The reasons for the rejection are indicated in Item No. 2 on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action.

As discussed above, in reply to the first paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 was amended to recite that the substrate has a thickness of 20 to 300 μm .

In response to the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 recites "0.1 to 10 parts by weight of (B) a nonionic surfactant."

In view of the above, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, first paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 to 24 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth in Item No. 3 on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

Concerning the first paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 17 were amended to delete the word "type," and such claims were amended to recite "a resin curable by an ionizing radiation."

On page 4, lines 5 to 6 in the Office Action, it was stated that "The recitation of the various Markush groups adds to the ambiguity." However, claim 1 does not recite any Markush groups.

Regarding the second paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action, the claims were amended to delete the terms "type" and "based."

With respect to the third paragraph on page 4 of the Office Action, claim 9 was amended to clarify the Markush group recited in (b) (ii).

In view of the above, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

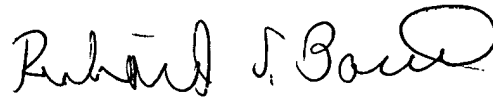
Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concomitantly herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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